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INTERESTING LETTER

From Miss Margaret Wilkerson,
Formerly of this County.

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DEAR MR. EDITOR—Spending a summer as I am now, on the banks of the Columbia river, is rather a novel experience, one which, I trust, will be profitable, as well.

After teaching nine months in the Mt. Sterling Public School, I came here to spend a three months term, during my vacation; for indeed my work is so light that it is scarcely more than a vacation. Will the teachers of Kentucky be surprised when I tell them I am teaching a public school, and have only four pupils? Fortunately, in this State, a teacher's salary does not depend upon the number of pupils in the district, but in some districts where there are only three or four children, the salaries are better than at home in the largest districts. One needs some compensation, however, for living so far out of the world.

This place is more than thirty miles from the railroad in a canon of the Columbia, and is the most beautiful place I have seen since coming West. On either side are mountains, which look desolate enough, but just here is a fertile little valley where the finest fruit I have ever seen is raised. Fruit raising is quite an industry, and much fruit of all kinds is shipped. The trees do not grow so large as in Kentucky, but the fruit is much larger and such quantities of it. It is George Elliot, I believe, who says that a tree is the most beautiful thing that grows out of the ground. Such a statement seems doubly true to one who has lived on the plains here, where there are no trees at all, there is a lonesomeness for the fine old forest trees, and one can not get rid of the feeling that there is something lacking.

The Columbia is a beautiful river, clear, swift and deep; in some places quite turbulent and dangerous. Just across the river is the Colville Indian Reservation, so I have had ample opportunity to become acquainted with the Siwash. While they are civilized, and some of them understand a little English, they retain many of their wild habits and prefer a roving out-of-door life. Most of the men are citizen's clothing, but the squaws wear blankets and all wear moccasins; they are very fond of beads, large ear-rings, etc.

A few days ago it was my pleasure to visit a copper mine just across the river. As we went far down the shaft we could easily see the rich vein of ore by the light of the candles we carried. The whole country is full of minerals. Many prospectors are on the ground and several good copper and silver mines are being developed.

The climate here is very delightful. While it gets very warm during the day there is scarcely a night during the year when one does not need to sleep under a blanket. There is very little rain during the summer, consequently, everything except wheat and rye requires irrigation. No corn is raised at all, in fact, there is very little grain except wheat, that is raised in large quantities. Most of the flour made in Idaho is shipped to China and the Philippines, while train loads of wheat are shipped east. It seems that farming-raunching they say here—is easier than at home. Everything is done by machinery and on a large scale. Gig plows that require six or eight horses are used altogether. In the combine harvesters thirty-six horses are used. But for all, the life seems easier, thrashers do not have the comforts and luxuries that farmers at other sections enjoy. The majority of the ranch houses are poor affairs, and the surroundings are unattractive. There is still the government and railroad land in its section, though the best of it is taken up. Salaries are much better here than farther east but it costs more to live.

Near here is canon known as the Grand Coulee which extends about fifty miles. The perpendicular

walls are in some places 1500 feet high, and are grand and awe inspiring. We may see in the distance the snow-capped peaks of the Cascades, which are nearly 200 miles distant. Why do so many go abroad for beautiful scenery before seeing the many wonderful things in our own country?

This section is settled by people from nearly all the States, though there are very few Southerners, and no Kentuckians that I have found. There are also many foreigners—English, Scotch, Danes, Norwegians, Finns, etc.

While this is a great country, with a bright future, one misses the culture, refinement and advantages to be found "back East," as the people here call every place east of the Rockies. And while the freedom of the life here has a charm for awhile, to a Kentuckian who loves every blade of grass in her land, there comes often a longing for the "old Kentucky home" and friends of other days.

I have ventured to write this, hoping that some of your readers may be interested in a bit of life in the great North West.

Very sincerely,
MARGARET WILKERSON.

A Rare Opportunity.

To those who seek pleasure and enjoyment and have neither the time, money or inclination to go to the Paris Exposition, there is an opportunity for enjoyment right at home, second to none. Last year the Lexington Horse Show, Fair and Carnival was the talk of all the country. This season they have broadened out and will put before the people the most gorgeous exhibitions in their live stock departments and Floral Hall ever witnessed in America.

The world renowned aggregation of juvenile talent, the Hungarian Boys Military Band, 35 lads from 6 to 16 years of age, will give concerts daily in front of grand stand; the Dillworth family, the most celebrated aggregation of acrobats in the world, and the Wertz family, aerial artists, that have startled millions of spectators on both sides the water, will give free exhibitions each morning and afternoon.

German Ambassador Butchered.

A London dispatch says: Confirmed in the fullest manner is the report of the butchery of Baron Von Ketteler, the German Minister, on June 18.

The ambassador was attacked by Chinese troops and Boxers, dragged from his horse and killed. His body was hacked to pieces with swords. The German legion and six other buildings were burned and many servants of the legation were killed and their bodies thrown into the flames. The outlook grows more serious and a wholesale slaughter of foreigners in Peking is now reported as having occurred.

Choose Qualified Leaders.

It would be hard to calculate what the defeat of the Democratic party in the State and Nation would bring upon the people. This, of all times, is the worst time for Democrats to choose candidates for any office upon personal prejudices or public passion. We should choose our leaders and nominate men for office who are eminently fitted and qualified to fill the places for which they are chosen. At this time all true Democrats should be willing to set aside personal preferences and to nominate for all offices the strongest men and the best vote getters.—Kentuckian-Citizen.

Neely Didn't Get It.

There is still over \$3,000,000 in the Cuban treasury. The emigration of office-holders from the United States will probably amount to a rush as soon as this fact is generally known.—Chicago Record.

The List of Wounded

who have been healed by Banner Salve, is very large. It heals all wounds or sores and leaves no scar. Sold by F. C. Duerson, druggist.

Tammany hissed their betters when they took part in such a denunciatory act. Hill has a whole lot of friends among the real white folks.

The Saving of Money

by the use of Royal Baking Powder is considerable. Royal is economical, because it possesses more leavening power and goes further.

Royal saves also because it always makes fine, light, sweet food; never wastes good flour; butter and eggs.

More important still is the saving in health. Royal Baking Powder adds anti-dyspeptic qualities to the food.

There is no baking powder so economical in practical use, no matter how little others may cost, as the Royal

Imitation baking powders almost invariably contain alum. Alum makes the food unwholesome.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., 109 WILLIAM ST., NEW YORK.

BATH COUNTY HAPPENINGS.

Bethel neighborhood had a fine rain.

Died, Friday, June 29th, Miss Susie Clark, daughter of John Clark, near Crooks.

Eugene Brother has bought the interest of his partner, Turner Perry, in the grocery store.

J. H. Richart sold in Mt. Sterling at 70 cents to one of the mills his wheat raised on his Montgomery Co. farm.

Town Marshall, James Emmons, of Owingsville, had four fingers mangled by a keg of beer falling on them.

The Spencer Boyd farm of 316 acres near Reynoldsville was bought by John Fraley and Wm. A. Young, of Morehead, at \$48 per acre.

Misses Anna and Edwa Peters gave a euchre party to their young friends, and those accomplished young hostesses made their guests enjoy the occasion.

Rev. R. A. Walton was operated on in Baltimore for a kidney affection. J. M. Richart received word that he was doing nicely and would arrive here the latter part of last week, accompanied by his wife and little daughter Elizabeth.

The former J. J. Smoot tobacco warehouse at Bethel, owned and occupied by Robertson Bros., burned last week with about 100,000 lbs. of tobacco. The building cost the Robertsons \$1,000. It and contents were insured.

Eleven good citizens came down from Yale Saturday night June 30 to attend the K. of P. lodge. Seven of them finished taking their degrees. They were a jolly lot, and Jas. W. Lane's saucy treated them to a ham sandwich lunch after lodge hours.

There was a recent cloudburst between Preston and Owingsville. Little Mill Creek and main Mill Creek was higher than ever known, sweeping away the wheat, corn, soil and fencing on the bottoms. Among the losses were: Mart Jackson, four acres of wheat and four acres of corn, soil and all; James Clark, fifteen acres of wheat, estimated at more than 300 bushels; John F. Johnson, twenty acres of wheat except a few shocks, also fencing and other damage.

APPLE BRANDY

Will Not Be Made So Abundantly This Year—Crop Is Short.

The few fruit distilleries out in the State are making preparations to start running in a few weeks for the manufacture of peach and apple brandy.

The crop of apple brandy will doubtless be very scarce, as the apple crop will fall far short of the average. The blossom was killed early in the year by frost in many parts of the State. The spring rains also injured the crop to some extent, and it is now reported that a small worm has played havoc with the remaining fruit, which will make the crop very short. New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, North Carolina, Arkansas, Missouri and some sections of Indiana report the same conditions, which, distillers say, will cause the crop of apple brandy to fall short.

Peaches are abundant, and it is likely that there will be a good crop of peach brandy.

Seasonable Suggestions.

The following from Printers' Ink was written by one of the greatest advertising experts in the country, and is advice that wise merchants will shrewdly follow:

Don't neglect your advertising because the weather is hot and people are leaving town. Remember that the trade of the stay-at-homes is well worth having, and that while it may be necessary to offer unusual inducements in order to get and keep their interest during the hot weather, it is much better to do so than to give an enterprising competitor the chance to wear some good customers away from you. Take some seasonable things on which you are overloaded, and the things that soon will be unseasonable, and print interesting stories about them. Quote prices that will force attention by their lowness, even if you have to lose a little now and then. It's a very warm day indeed when people won't respond to a genuine bargain offer if they have any confidence in the merchant who makes it. Don't make up your mind that it is going to be awfully dull between seasons, just because it was so last year. Don't sit down and wait for your next busy season to open. Try a different plan this year. Advertise persistently and aggressively right through the hot weather, making frequent changes of copy, and not forgetting to quote prices that will tempt people to part with their money. That's a good way to keep them thinking of you and your store, to make a reputation for low prices, and to turn stocks over. If you have never tried it, try it now.

Tobacco House Burned.

On Monday night of last week the tobacco house of Thomas and Allie Robertson, at Bethel, was burned. They carried \$13,000 insurance, and had a large quantity of tobacco on hand.

It has been demonstrated by experience that consumption can be prevented by the early use of One Minute Cough Cure. This is the favorite remedy for coughs, colds, croup, asthma, grippe and all throat and lung troubles. Cures quickly.

For sale by F. C. Duerson, drug gist.

To Be Continued.

At a meeting of the board of directors it was decided to continue the Kentucky Chautauqua Assembly.

For burns, injuries, piles and diseases use DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is the original. Counterfeits may be offered. Use only DeWitt's.

For sale by F. C. Duerson, Drug-gist.

Hugh L. Boardman, who for four years has been with a wholesale grocery in Ashland, has accepted a position with a Cincinnati firm. His headquarters will be Chicago.

Hugh's many friends here wish him much success in his new field.

The parade of Democratic clubs at Kansas City was immense.

Are You Going to Clean House?

If so, you will want to paper one or more rooms; and if you want your money to go the farthest and want a nice room when done, get your paper from US.

Then you will need some new Window Blinds. We keep an elegant line at right prices.

How about a new set of Dishes. Your old set have served their time and one of our new porcelain sets don't cost much and will brighten your dining room. Come in and let us show you some of our own importation.

Don't Roast To Death This Summer,

But get one of our BLUE FLAME OIL STOVES and your house will not be heated up all summer. Come in and see our line.

If you Are Still Hot

Get an O. K. ICE CREAM FREEZER. Ice cream made with them is colder than liquid air and as smooth as glass. We have them from one quart to eight quart.

Don't forget us when you want any TINWARE, CUTLERY, GLASSWARE, Etc., Etc.

Remember the place,

ENOCH'S Bargain House.

Half Rates to Cincinnati July 10, 11, 12.

Round trip tickets will be on sale via Chattanooga and the Queen & Crescent Route from all points South to Cincinnati and return, one fare for the round trip on the dates named.

The reduced rates are on account of annual conventions.

B. Y. P. U.

of America. The return limits are liberal. Write for further particulars. Be sure your ticket reads over the QUEEN & CRESCENT.

It is 109 miles shorter than any other line from Chattanooga, Atlanta, and the South. Its schedules are the quickest, its train service is famous with travelers everywhere as the most perfect in the south. W. C. Rinearson, G.A. P., Cincinnati, or O. L. Mitchell, D. P. A., Chattanooga, will be glad to send you free printed matter or other information.

Mrs. Sudduth's Executor.

The Louisville National Banking Company and the Louisville Banking Company, for the benefit of the latter, brought suit July 2 against the Fidelity Trust and Safety Vault Company, executor of W. A. Sudduth, on commercial paper for sums aggregating \$4,696.60. The same plaintiff's judgment in the same suit against R. K. Hart and R. H. Soudley and their surety, the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, for \$4,000, alleged to be the amount due Sudduth on account of legal services rendered.

Cured Bronchial Trouble.

Chas. E. Davis, 1071 W. Congress St., Chicago, says: "I suffered for years with bronchial trouble and tried many kinds of medicines without relief, until I began taking Foley's Honey and Tar, which cured me." Take no substitute.

Sold by F. C. Duerson, druggist.